

LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
115 East Magnolia Street, Leesburg, FL. 34748

Annual Report – 2004



“Enhancing The Quality Of Life Within Our Community”

Chief of Police H. Charles Idell, Jr.



In Remembrance...

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Mission Statement

“To Enhance The Quality Of Life Within Our Community”

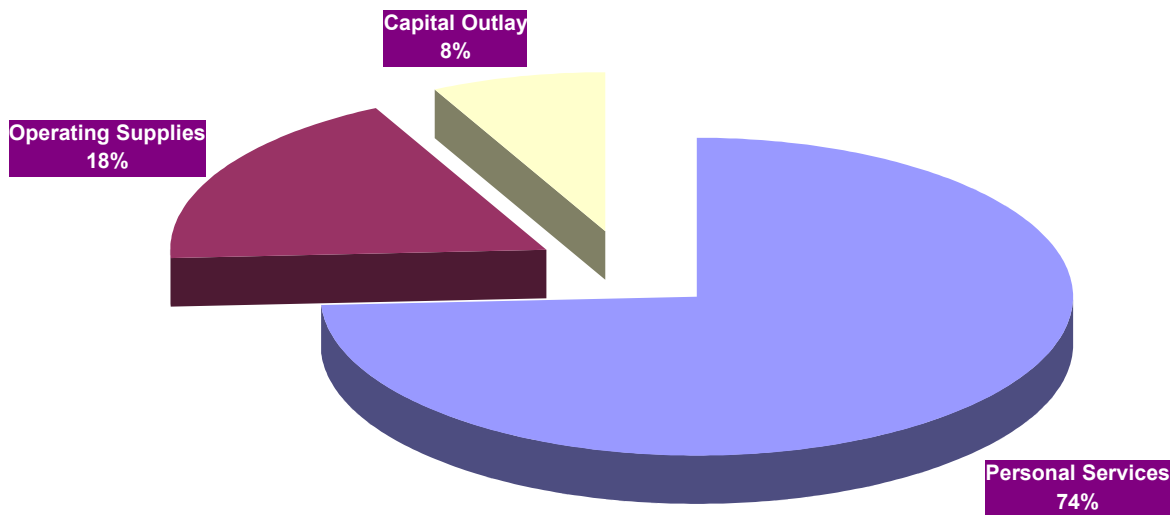
- ❑ Preserving peace and maintaining order.
- ❑ Enforcing the law.
- ❑ Protecting life and property.
- ❑ Reducing the fear of crime by preventative and direct control techniques, increasing public awareness to eliminate opportunities of criminal activity, protecting individual rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution, and providing for additional community service needs.

The active involvement of City residents through the formation of a public/private sector partnership is essential to the accomplishment of these items.



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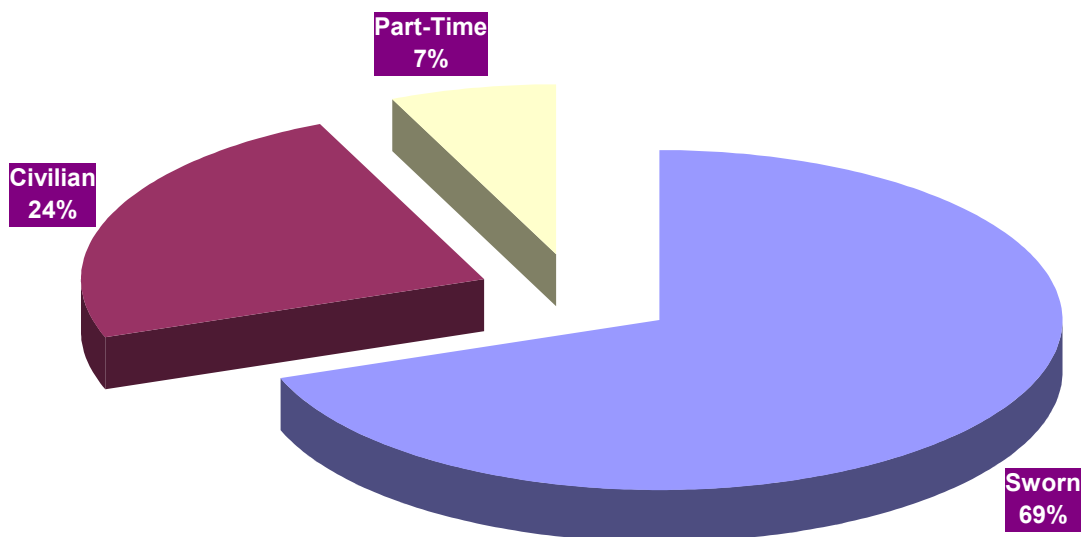
2004/2005 Annual Budget



<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>5,440,674</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<i>1,343,885</i>	<i>18%</i>
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<i>557,134</i>	<i>8%</i>

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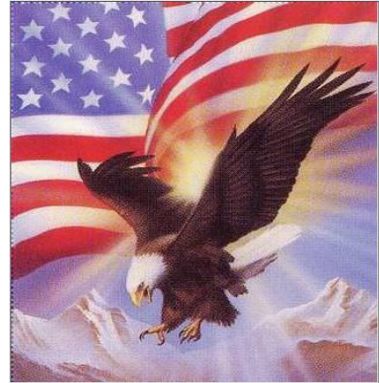
2004/2005 Personnel



Classification	Employees
Sworn	73
Civilian	25
Part-Time	7
Total	105

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2004 Monthly Awards



	POLICE OFFICER	SUPPORT SERVICES
January	Tony Cages	Peggy Duggins
February	Jake Caudill	Mary Lee Edwards
March	Eric Green	Lynn Kendall
April	Roger Bell	Susan Wallace
May	Mike Godigkeit	Melyssa Roe
June	Marlene Frost	Christina Johnson Frankie Anderson
July	Scott Sparkman	Ralph Barry
August	Tammy Bozadjian	Peggy Duggins
September	Roger Bell	Steve Griswold
October	John Hollowell	Tim Smith
November	Richard Giles	Stephanie Harris
December	Mike Neal	Marcia Sampson

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2004 Officer of the Year

Officer Charles Pinkston personifies the characteristics of an outstanding law enforcement officer. His daily performance and dedication to duty are only out shadowed by his always pleasant demeanor and his true sense of community. Charles is a guardian in every sense of the word. He sought out a career in law enforcement to make his small portion of the world safer for those who share it with him. As a new father, he wants to ensure his son can live and play in a safe community. He sincerely cares about the City and the citizens of Leesburg.

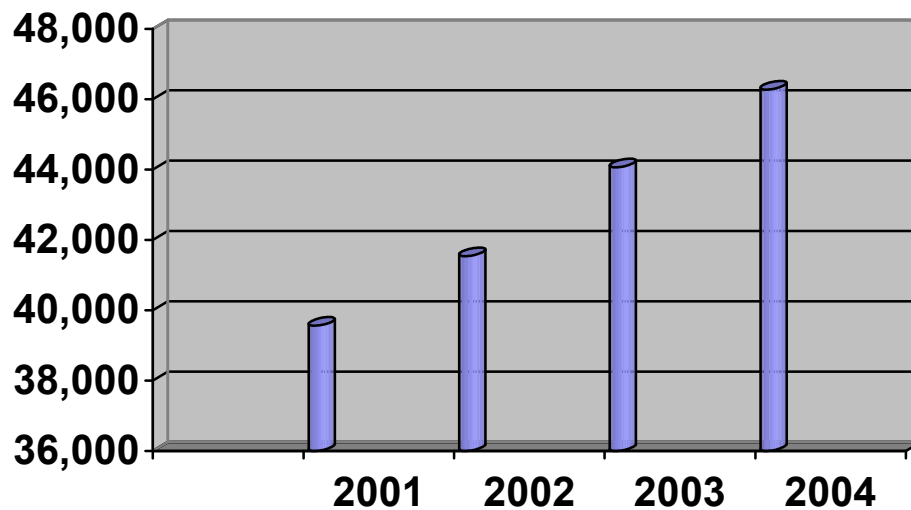


Officer Charles Pinkston is presented the 2004 “Officer of the Year” Award by Chief Idell.

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REPORTED CRIME AND ARREST STATISTICS

Calls for Service

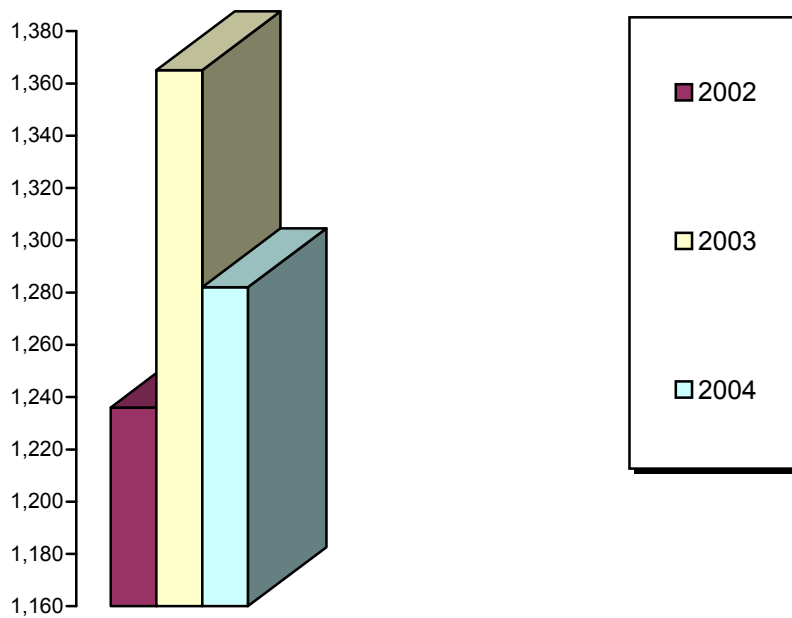


<i>Year</i>	<i>Calls for Service</i>	<i>Percent (+/-)</i>
2001	39,558	+ 1%
2002	41,534	+ 5%
2003	44,060	+ 6%
2004	46,271	+ 5%

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Part I Crimes

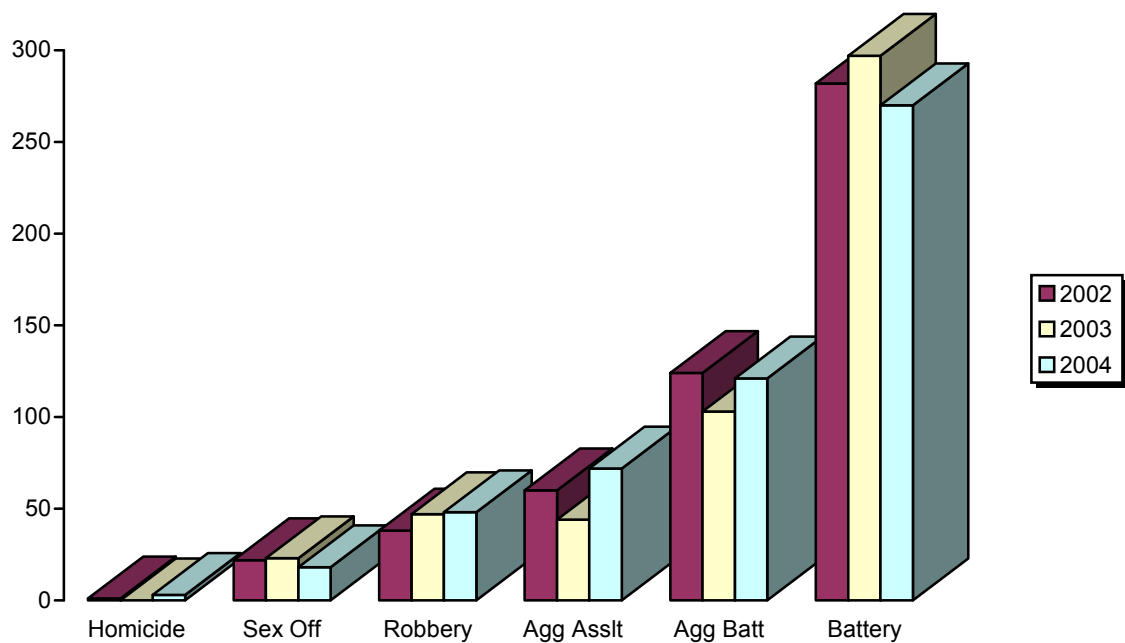
Homicide	Sex Offenses: Forcible	Aggravated Assault
Vehicle Burglary	Business Burglary	Conveyance Burglary
Hotel/Motel Burglary	Residential Burglary	School Burglary
Larceny (All)	Vehicle Theft	Arson
	Robbery	



<i>Part I Crimes</i>		<i>Percent (+/-)</i>	
<i>2002</i>	<i>1236</i>	-	<i>9%</i>
<i>2003</i>	<i>1365</i>	+	<i>9%</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>1282</i>	-	<i>6%</i>

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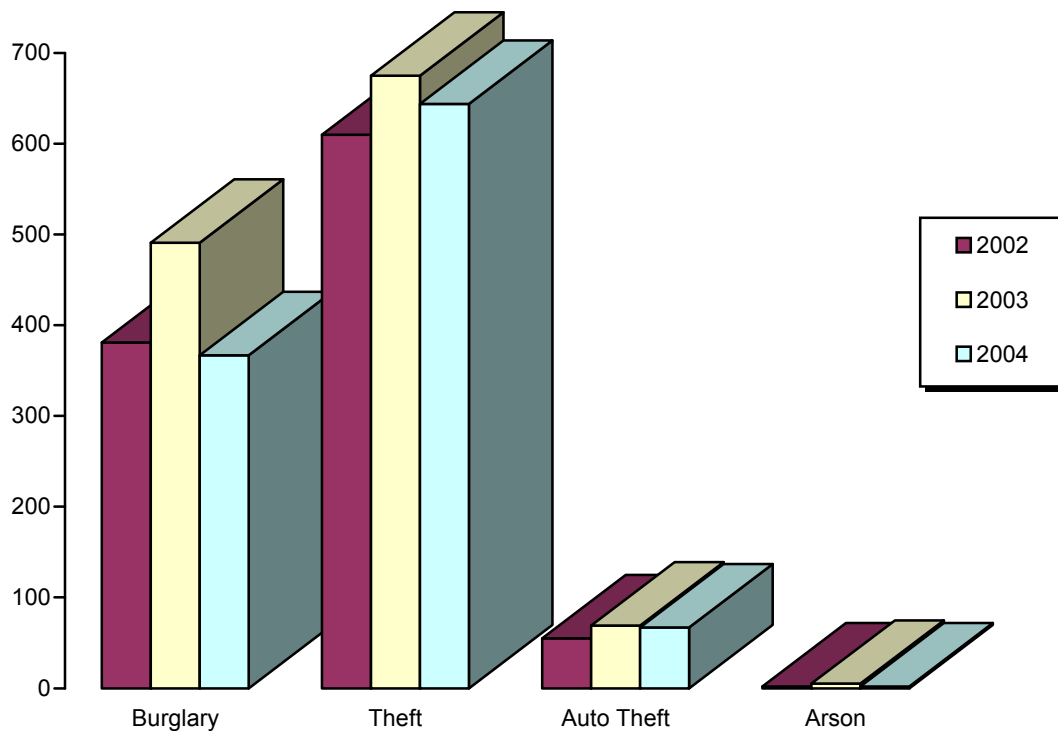
Violent Crimes



Crime	2002	2003	2004	Percent (+/-)
Homicide	1	0	3	+ 3 cases
Sex Offenses	22	23	18	- 5 cases
Robbery	38	47	48	+ 1 case
Aggravated Assault	60	44	72	+ 39 %
Aggravated Battery	124	103	121	+ 15 %
Battery	282	297	270	- 10 %

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Property Crimes

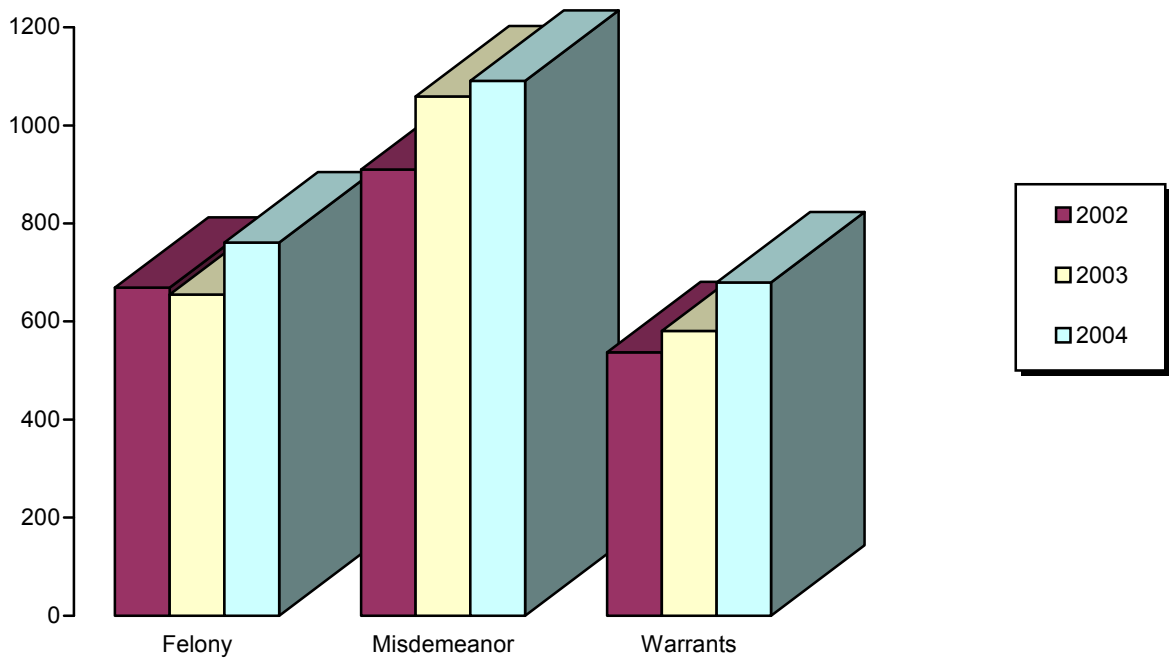


<i>Crime</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>Percent (+/-)</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	<i>381</i>	<i>491</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>- 25 %</i>
<i>Theft</i>	<i>610</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>644</i>	<i>- 5 %</i>
<i>Auto Theft</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>- 2 cases</i>
<i>Arson</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>- 3 cases</i>

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Criminal Arrests

The reported crime and arrest statistics shown have been compiled from the Police Department computer system for a year to year comparison. Arrest statistics indicate the number of persons arrested, not the number of individual charges made. Some defendants have been charged with more than one crime.

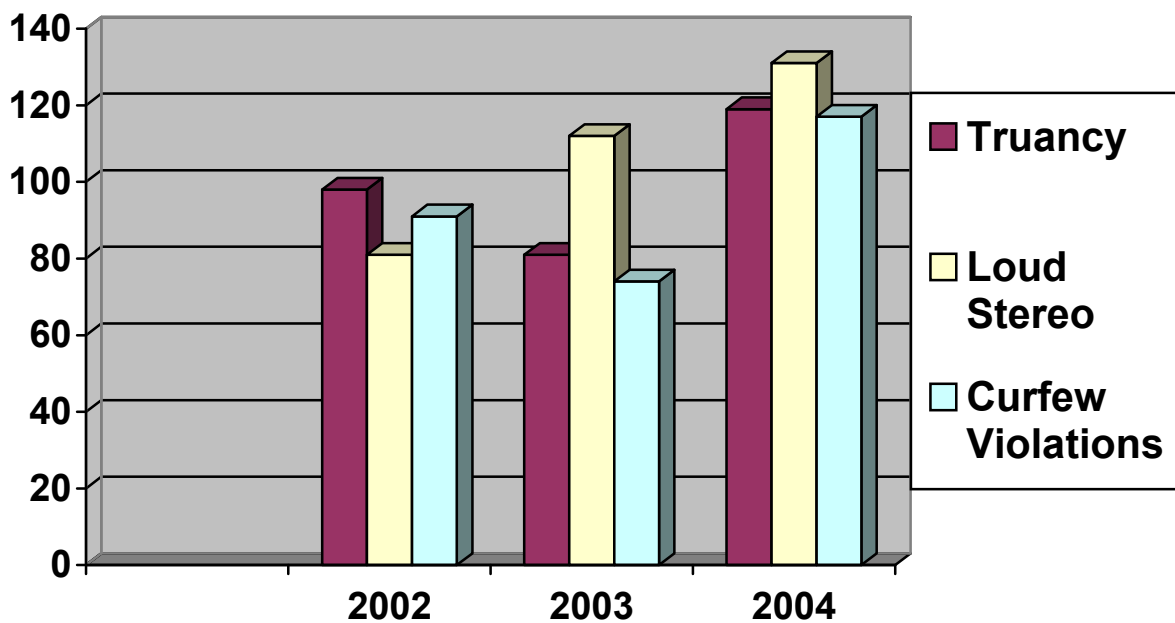


	2002	2003	2004	Percent (+/-)
<i>Felony Arrests</i>	669	655	761	+ 14%
<i>Misdemeanor Arrests</i>	910	1059	1,091	+ 3%
<i>Warrant Arrests</i>	537	581	680	+ 15 %

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Specific Non-Criminal Enforcement

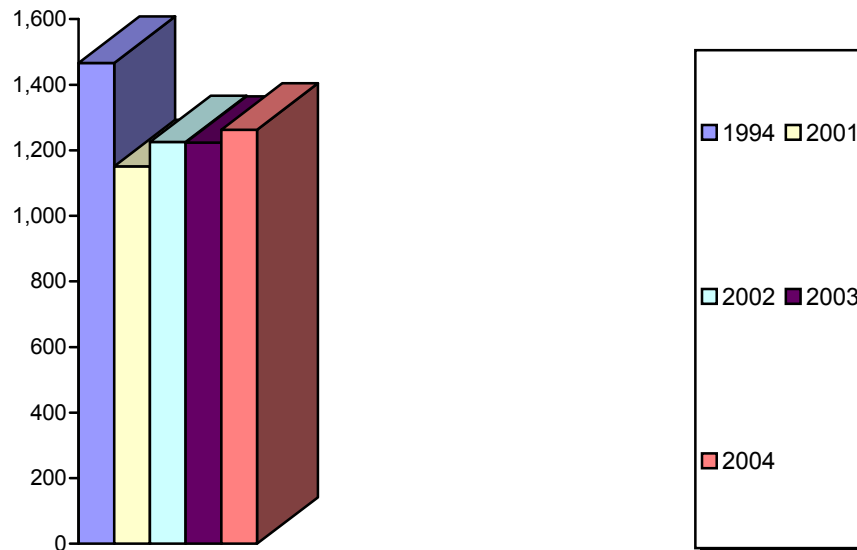
The specific cases indicated below are selectively enforced and specifically tracked in response to citizen concerns expressed to department personnel regarding these violations.



	2002	2003	2004	Percent (+/-)
<i>Truancy Cases</i>	98	81	119	+ 32%
<i>Loud Stereo Citations</i>	81	112	131	+ 14%
<i>Curfew Violations</i>	91	74	117	+ 37%

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Traffic Crashes



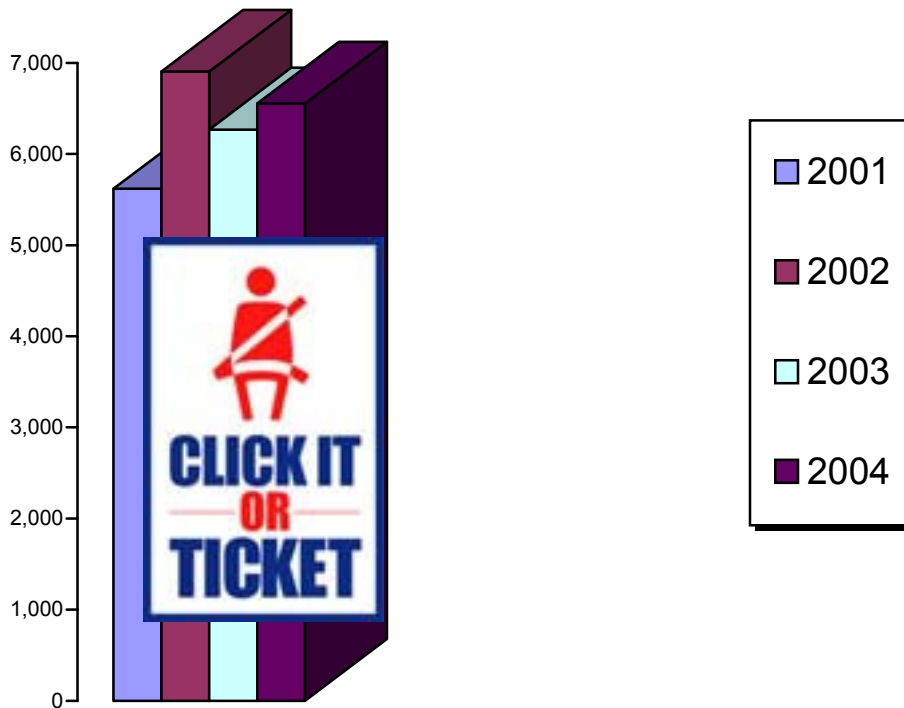
Year	Reported	Percent (+/-)
1994	1,466	All time high
2001	1,151	- 8%
2002	1,225	+ 6%
2003	1,223	- 2 crashes
2004	1,263	+ 3%

In 1994, the number of traffic crashes worked by the Leesburg Police Department totaled a high of 1,466. During 1995, changes were put in place utilizing selective traffic enforcement in high traffic crash areas in an effort to reduce the number of crashes and related property damage and injuries. The introduction of the Motor Squad to work selective traffic enforcement has been a major contributor to the original reduction of crashes and in maintaining that reduction.



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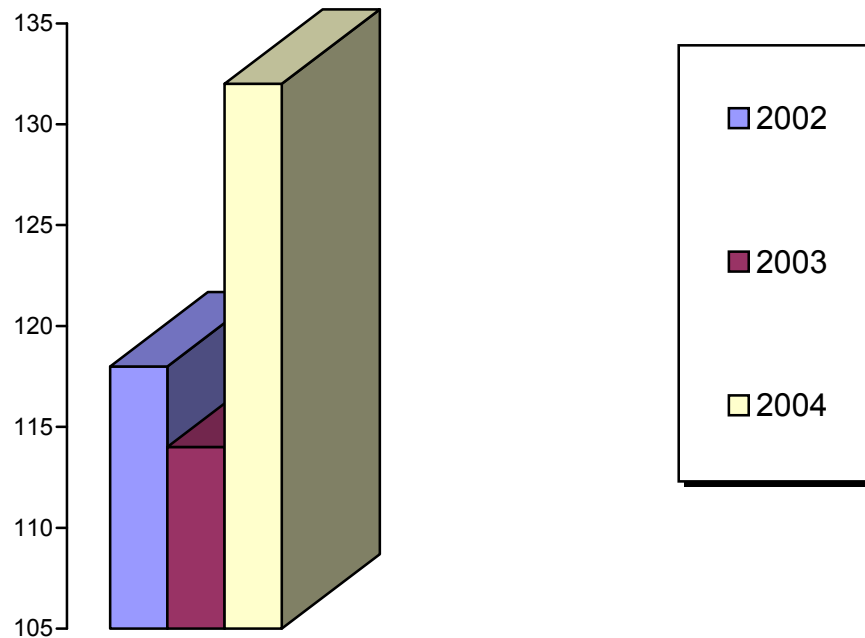
Traffic Citations



Year	Citations	Percent (+/-)
2001	5,619	- 7%
2002	6,905	+ 19%
2003	6,268	- 9%
2004	6,554	+ 4%

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DUI Arrests



Year	DUI Arrests	Percent (+/-)
2002	118	+ 19%
2003	114	- 3%
2004	132	+ 14%



Arrive Alive
Don't Drink & Drive!

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Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department. This division consists of 41 Officers, five Corporals, four Sergeants, two Lieutenants and one Major. The primary function of the Patrol Division is answering calls for service and citizen concerns within the community.

To better handle the unique demands on modern law enforcement, our Patrol Division also includes several specialized units. These units include our Motor Squad, S.W.A.T. Team, and K-9 Unit.

Motor Squad

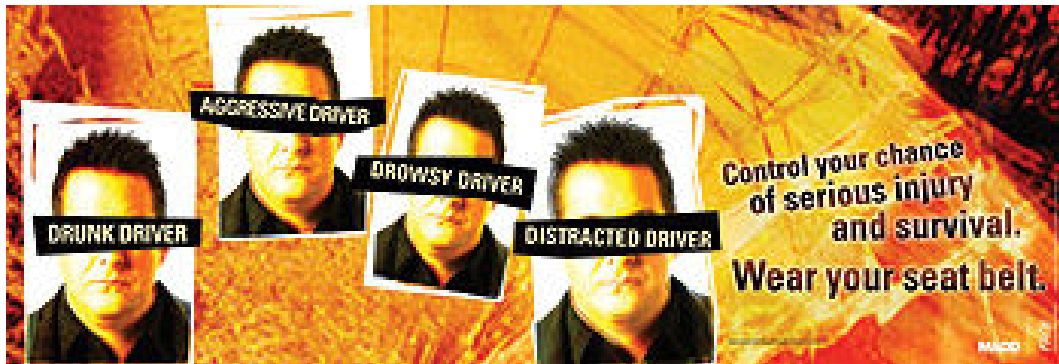
The Motor Squad is made up of four Patrol Officers who are specifically assigned to work selective traffic enforcement and investigate traffic crashes. The officers utilize Harley-Davidson motorcycles to accomplish their mission, which enables them to move more freely through congested traffic. During the 2004 calendar year, the Motor Squad was responsible for 21% of the traffic citations issued by the Department and for investigating 46% of the traffic crashes which occurred within the City. All Motor Officers are trained as Traffic Homicide Investigators and have conducted traffic homicide investigations which resulted from 2 traffic fatalities during the year. They have also conducted 4 preliminary investigations which fortunately, did not result in fatalities. In addition to their traffic enforcement duties, the Motor Squad is responsible for conducting equipment inspections on all wreckers used in our area and all four are members of the Leesburg Police Department Honor Guard.



The Motor Squad Officers strongly support the department's philosophy of Citizen Oriented Policing and have participated in numerous educational programs like the "Back to School Safety Fair", "Red Ribbon Week", "Career

Day" and "Walk Your Children to School Day" at our local schools. They conducted two Child Safety Seat Checkpoint in Leesburg, furnished seven car seats to needy families within our community and assisted seventeen citizens by teaching them the proper method of installing a child safety seat. The officers actively support and assist the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) and the Traffic Incident Management Team (TIMS).

During the year, the Leesburg Police Department participated with other local agencies in DUI enforcement projects, participated in the “Buckle-Up Florida”, “Stop Red Light Running Week”, and the “Florida DUI Enforcement Mobilization” campaigns this year to promote public safety and awareness.



The goal of the Motor Squad Officers is to decrease the number of crashes and fatalities which occur within our City by educating citizens on safety and proper driving habits.



S.W.A.T. Team



S.W.A.T. Operations:

The year 2004 proved to be another successful and challenging year for the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team. During 2004 the S.W.A.T. Team executed a total of 10 search warrants on drug locations in the city which resulted in the arrest of 10 narcotics dealers.

In December the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team was summoned to assist the Lake County Sheriffs Office and the D.E.A. in the execution of numerous simultaneous warrants across Lake County. The operation involved nine law enforcement agencies from Central Florida and over 100 S.W.A.T. officers. The results were the dismantling of one of the largest narcotic rings in the counties history.

During 2004 the S.W.A.T. Team also took on three new officers who replaced officers who have retired from the team.

S.W.A.T. Round-Up 2004

Once again the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team traveled to Orlando, FL to compete in the annual SWAT Round-Up competition.



This year marks the 10th year of competing for LPD S.W.A.T. Sixty-two teams from around the world attended this years Round-Up competition including 7 foreign teams. At the end of the physically and mentally demanding week, the Leesburg PD S.W.A.T. Team ended up in 17th Place overall and received an award for

being the #1 team in the world with less than 100 sworn officers. The team also attended 52 hours of required educational classes while at the competition.

Training:

The S.W.A.T. Team conducted 830 hours of in-service training this year. This included adopting new and stricter physical fitness testing policy which is conducted on a quarterly basis. Some of the training conducted for the year included vehicle assaults, firearms training, dynamic entry training, and rappelling.



S.W.A.T. Equipment:

In 2004 The Leesburg Police Department was able to acquire a military surplus armored personnel carrier (APC). This piece of equipment may one day prove to be invaluable and one of the best life saving tools ever acquired by Leesburg PD. This vehicle would enable the S.W.A.T. Team to rescue and evacuate citizens from harms way during an active shooting incident. This type of citizen rescue would not be an option for the officers without the APC. The vehicle could also be used during disasters, such as hurricanes, to assist in getting emergency workers to locations or rescuing citizens from areas that may be inaccessible to normal vehicles.



CANINE UNIT

Overview

The Leesburg Police Department Canine Unit consists of three German Shepherds and one Dutch Shepherd. All are trained in Narcotic Detection, Tracking, Building Search, Area Search, Evidence Recovery, Criminal Apprehension, and Handler Protection. During the year we had three of our veteran dogs retire. Three new recruit dogs were added. Ofc. Pinkston and Ofc. Green were also appointed to the Unit.



Training



Our canine unit trains locally and with the Lake County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. Our lead instructor, Deputy Kurt Dumond is a CJSTC certified K-9 Training Team Instructor/Evaluator. Training sessions include all aspects of the team's capabilities as well as "real world" scenarios to evaluate proficiency. During 2004, the unit conducted **1026 hours** of training. A large portion of this figure is the initial training of the new teams.

Deployment Data

<u>Narcotics Deployment</u>		
<i>Examinations Conducted</i>		<i>Positive Responses</i>
<i>Vehicles</i>	<i>371</i>	<i>189</i>
<i>Schools</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>190</i>

Drug Seizures

Drug: **Estimated Street Value:**

Cocaine:	16.92 Grams	\$ 1,052.00
Cannabis:	304.37 Grams	\$ 1,421.00
Paraphernalia:	23 items	\$ 188.00
Methamphetamine:	50.00 Grams	\$ 500.00
Prescription Drugs:	97 Doses	\$ 485.00

Total Street value of Drug Seizures: \$ 3,646.00

Property Seizures

Property Type: **Estimated Value:**

Currency:	\$ 1,054.00
Other: 3	\$ 178.00

Total value of Seizures: \$ 1,232.00

General Duty Deployment:

Conducted: **Arrests:**

Tracks:	17	4
Building Searches:	18	6
Area Searches:	1	0
Pursuits:	1	0
Support Deployment:	1	2

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Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigation Division is responsible for all felony investigations, narcotic and vice investigations, and all evidence collected by the Departments officers. This Division consists of an Evidence Technician, Vice Officers, 6 Detectives, an Investigative Specialist, a Corporal, a Sergeant, and a Captain. The Division investigates an average of 195 incidents each month. In 2004, Department records reflected 2,030 felonies for the year. The Division received 4,231 items of evidence and conducted 29 psychological stress exams.



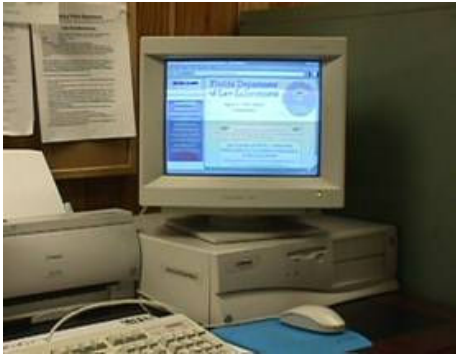
The Narcotic/Vice officers made 104 cases, including drug buys, Lewd/Lascivious Acts, 21 search warrants, Sale of Alcohol without a License, Assignment to Commit Prostitution, and Assignment to Commit a Lewd Act. The total street value of narcotics seized was \$1,825,574.00. A total of \$20,956.00 in U.S. Currency was seized during these investigations and \$79,188.12 was transferred into the Forfeiture fund.



Three Homicides occurred during 2004. Arrests were made on two cases, and investigation continues on the third case. Investigations continue on 5 cold case homicides.

	2002	2003	2004
Cases Assigned for Investigation	2,146	1,539	2,030
Cases Cleared	1,111	1,143	1,153
Felony Arrests	201	156	153

Criminal Intelligence Unit



The scope of the Criminal Intelligence Unit's activities remained relatively the same for 2004 as the previous year.

Increased emphasis on the topic of terrorism encouraged the gathering, analyzing, and dissemination of criminal intelligence.

During 2004, there were 127 missing person reports forwarded to the Unit for follow-up. With the exception of four runaway juveniles, all missing persons were located and returned home safely. The majority of those reports involved juveniles who were missing for less than forty-eight (48) hours.



As assigned by the Chief of Police, the Unit may conduct special assignments or special investigations; employment background investigations and tracking of sexual offenders/predators in the community are just two of those responsibilities.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission requires that thorough background investigations will be conducted on all sworn law enforcement officers. During 2004, 35 applicants seeking sworn positions were the subject of in-depth background investigations; 3 of those applicants were subsequently hired. In addition, background investigations were conducted on 15 civilian applicants; 9 of those individuals were employed to fill non-sworn positions within the department.

The Sexual Offender/Predator notification law, effective on July 1, 1998, mandates that law enforcement agencies must inform the community of a sexual predator's presence. Within 48 hours after receiving notification of the presence of a sexual predator, the sheriff or police chief of the municipality where the predator resides must notify each licensed day care center, elementary school, middle school, and high school within a 1 mile radius of the predator's residence. During 2004, there were no new sexual predators who came to reside in the city. The criminal intelligence officer made monthly contacts with the three registered sexual predators living in the city. Quarterly, on-site verifications of residence for those offenders/predators failing to properly register were also conducted.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement maintains and updates a website of the sexual predators and offenders living in the state. Website address: http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/ Although FDLE updates this site on a regular basis, the information can change quickly. You are cautioned that it is possible that information provided on this site may not reflect the current residence, status or other information regarding an individual.

FDLE has also established a toll-free number (1-888-FL-PREDATOR) or (1-888-357-7332) that allows the public to request information about Sexual Predators and Sex Offenders living in their communities and around the state. Requests may be made between the hours of 8am and 7pm, Monday through Friday.

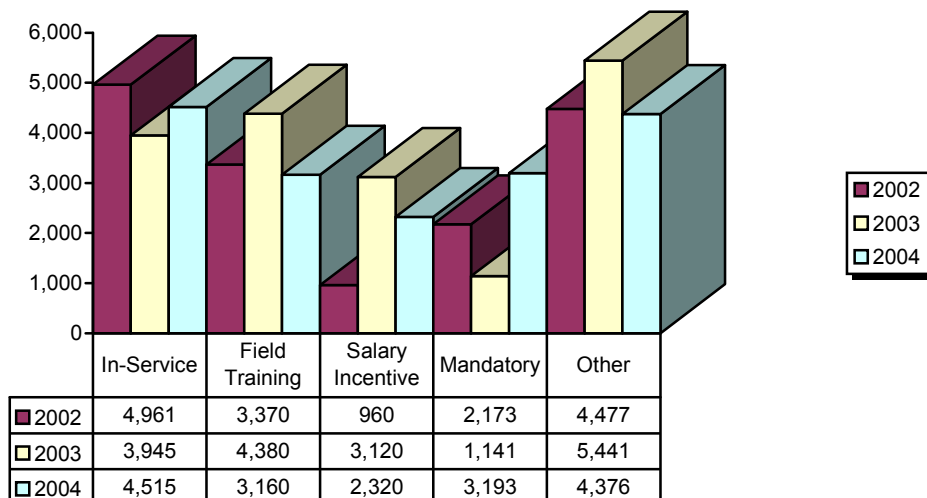
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Training



Leesburg Police Department's education and training programs have proven successful during the calendar year 2004. Education and training are the fundamental elements bringing law enforcement closer to a true profession. Our dedication to this endeavor is evident in the figures seen below.

In-Service training consists of job specific topics which include firearms, CPR, baton, criminal law updates, terrorism, blood borne pathogens, aggressive drivers and policy review. The category of "Other" training refers to outside classes attended by personnel that are designed to enhance their knowledge and skills in a specific area and often results in the employee obtaining an instructors certificate in the topic.



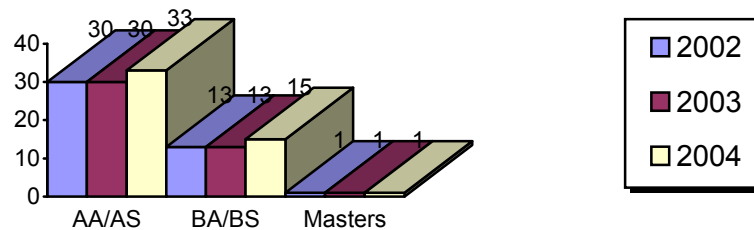
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Education

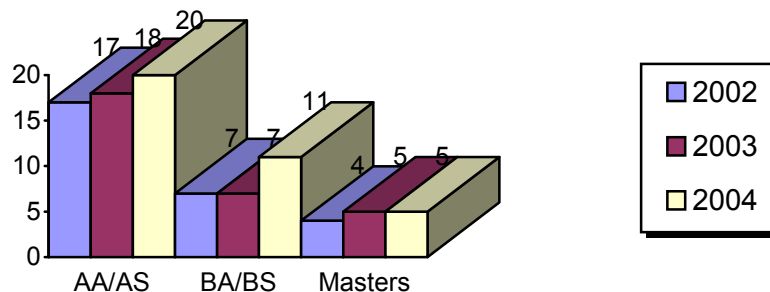
Department personnel continued their developmental education at the college level during 2004. The 100% tuition incentive offered by the City plays a major role in the employees' decision to attend college. By the end of 2004, approximately 50% of the Police Department's full time employees either have or are currently working on some type of formal college education. The following data reflects Leesburg Police Department education statistics for the year.



Employees with a degree



Employees working on degree



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Community Services Section

The Community Services Section conducted over one hundred (100) presentations to local churches, civic groups, and community action groups in the Leesburg area in 2004. These presentations included the following topics:

Crime Prevention

Personal Safety

Neighborhood Watch

Drug Education

Child Safety

School Safety

The Neighborhood Watch program continued to work with the established watch groups in the city. Department representatives met with the groups and provided assistance with community activities. Safety presentations were also conducted for the groups. The total number of Neighborhood Watch Groups in the city is fifteen (15).

Neighborhood Watch Groups:



Carver Heights

The Meadows

Legacy

Ralph's Trailer Park

Timber Ridge Mobile Home Park

Cooke Street

Oak Street

Lake Shore Mobile Home Park

Coachwood Colony

Belle Oak Community

Palmora Park

Royal Oak Estates

Woodland Park

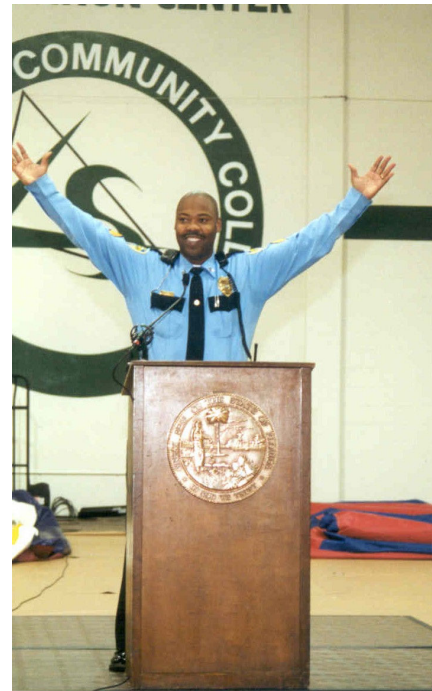
Goss Avenue

Lone Oak

Two additional areas are in the process of establishing Neighborhood Watch Groups. Initial meetings have been held for Leesburg Crossing and Heritage Estates.



The Leesburg D.A.R.E. Officers instructed the D.A.R.E. curriculum to over 250 students in elementary schools.



The following programs and affiliations were continued during the 2004 calendar year:

- The D.A.R.E. program (elementary schools)
- School Resource Officer (Middle and High Schools)
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Police Explorers
- Christmas Bicycle Giveaway (28 bikes)
- Business and Residential Surveys
- "Kritters for Kids"
- "If I Were A Thief"
- Career Day (various schools/groups)
- MADDADS
- Black Heritage Festival
- Drug Free Inc, affiliation
- Lake County Juvenile Justice affiliation
- Gun Safety program
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Registry



" Building a 'Better Future' "

- Carver Heights Community Block Party
- Leesburg Chamber of Commerce
- Middle Schools CAC advisory committees
- Boys and Girls Club advisory board
- Safety Expo
- Bicycle Safety Program
- Senior Expo
- Youth Safety Expo and Car Show
- Youth Crime Watch
- D.A.R.E. Day
- Participation in the MLK Community Celebrations
- Lake County Citizens Commission for Children



- Affiliate of Lake County Safe Kids Coalition
- LHS Prom Promise
- Fingerprinting
- Junior Athletic Games (JAG)
- B.I.G. Award
- Active Recruiting Program
- Police Website management
- SRO training program

- National Guard's "About Face" program
- Affiliate of the Youth Action Network, Inc.
- D.A.R.E. Power Point Presentations
- Magic Basketball games for area youth
- Certified Convenience Store Inspections
- Parenting Awareness Training (Drug and Gang education)
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- National Trainer for Youth Crime Watch of America
- Florida Association of School Resource Officers training conference
- Executive Board of Directors of Florida DARE Officers Association
- Presenter at the Preventing Crime in the Black Community national Conference

The Community Service Section currently has one certified Crime Prevention Practitioner and two other officers who are in the process of completing classes for certification through the Florida Attorney General's Office.

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Support Services Division

The Support Services Division has the mission of performing support activities for the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. The following are statistical reports of the activities of each Section.

Communications Section

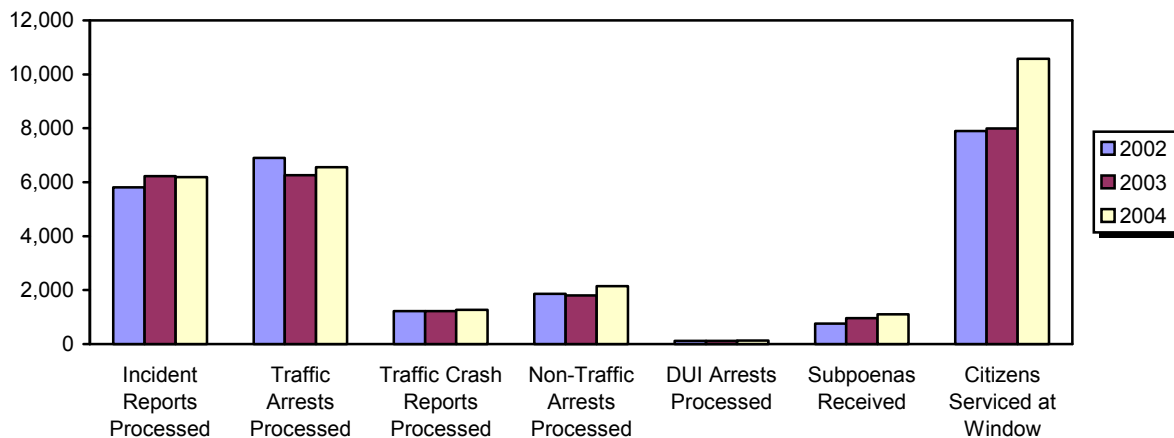
The Communications Section processed 46,271 calls for service in 2004. Of these, 11,269 were 9-1-1 calls. There were 55 Telecommunications Device for the Deaf calls/tests performed during the year. There were 4,248 calls processed for the Fire Department. There were 4,820 hours of training and instruction accomplished during 2004. The Communications

Section is 100% APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officers) certified.



Records Section

The Records Section processed 6,186 incident reports, 1,263 traffic crash reports, 6,554 traffic tickets, 2,152 non-traffic arrests, and accepted 1,107 subpoenas for court appearances. Records logs indicate 10,580 citizens came into the Department lobby and were assisted by members of the Section, which is an increase over last year of 25%. One new Clerical Assistant position was added to the section during the year and the Records Supervisor took on additional responsibilities as the Communications Center Manager.



Code Enforcement Section

The Code Enforcement Section received 2,116 calls for service during the 2004 calendar year. Corrective action was taken to abate the violations and compliance was obtained. Cases brought before the Code Enforcement Magistrate totaled 228. Compliance has been achieved in these matters, or a fine is running against the violator.



During the year, there were 199 complaints and questions referred to outside agencies, requiring no further action by this office. Another 425 calls for information and/or suggestions regarding various situations were handled within the Code Enforcement Section and required no report.

Statistics:

Complaints Received: 2,116

Verbal/Written Warnings Issued: 1,174

Complaints Referred to Other Agencies: 199

Information and Unfounded Complaint Only Calls: 425

Cases Presented to Code Enforcement Magistrate: 228



Animal Control Unit

The Animal Control Unit remained active during the year, processing a total of 1,537 calls for service within the community. These calls for service included rendering information to the public, animal bites, aggressive animals, animals at large and injured animals. These calls were not solely regarding domestic animals but also included various wildlife.



Animal Captures:

Cats: 247

Dogs: 176

Other: 81

Total: 504



Animal Bites Reported: Dogs: 14 Cats: 3 Other: 1 Total: 18

Calls Requiring Action: 865

Info and Referral: 672

Total Calls: 1,537

1-800-Save-A-Pet
Adopt a Friend. Save a Life.  **com**

NOTICES ISSUED FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD ACTION:

Verbal Warning: 43

Written Warning: 53

Notice to Appear: 9

Cases Presented to Magistrate: 7